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ALLISTON & CO.,  
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HONGKONG AND THE FAR EAST.

62, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, November 11, 1893.

### Shipping.

#### Steamers.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Co.'s Steamship

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, June 27, 1894.

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

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for CHEFOO, TIENSIN, NEW

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the YANGTZE.)

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JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, June 26, 1894.

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND

YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship

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Captain DWYER, will be

despatched as above on

or about FRIDAY, the 29th Instant.

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DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 25, 1894.

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship

KUTSUN,

Captain JACKSON, will be

despatched as above on

SATURDAY, the 30th Instant, at Noon.

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JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, June 25, 1894.

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and BAGDAD. The Steamship

BORMIDA,

De VENI, Master, will

be despatched above

on TUESDAY, the 3rd July, at 4 p.m.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging

in VICTORIA DOCK.

For further Particulars regarding Freight

and Passage, apply to

GARLOWITZ & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 26, 1894.

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SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to BREMEN,

ROTTERDAM, LIVERPOOL and

NEW YORK.)

The Co.'s Steamship

TURBO,

Capt. W. TOWNSEND, will be

despatched as above on

or about the 4th PROXIMO.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 14, 1894.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A.T. British Barque

LIBERTY, Master, will load here

for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch.

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SHEWAN & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 16, 1894.

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FOR NEW YORK.

The 100 A.T. Amer. Barque

PARANTICA, Master, will load here

for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

EDWARD MAY,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 16, 1894.

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FOR NEW YORK.

The 100 A.T. British Ship

BIDON HILL,

MOTOR VESSEL, Master, will load

here for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEMSEN & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, May 26, 1894.

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MEN'S BATHING COSTUMES, LADIES' BATHING DRESSES.

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Hongkong, May 3, 1894.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

### Auctions.

#### NOTICE.

#### NO. 243.

A Special SESSIONS of Her Majesty's

JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held

in the JUSTICES' Room, at the Magistracy,

at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, of

MONDAY, the 2nd day of July, A.D.

1894, for the purpose of considering the

following applications from:-

(1) T. H. DONNENBERG for the Transfer

of his Publican's Licence to sell and

retail Intoxicating Liquors on the

Premises situated at House No. 184,

Queen's Road Central, under the sign of

'THE CROSS HOTEL' to one

SYDOR ALBERMAN.

(2) SAMUEL WEINBERG for the Transfer

of his Publican's Licence to sell and

retail Intoxicating Liquors on the

Premises situated at House No. 290,

Queen's Road Central, under the sign of

'THE ROSE, SHAMROCK AND

&lt;

## Intimations.



ALDBECK, MACGREGOR &  
Co.,  
Wine and Spirit Merchants,  
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Hongkong, August 18, 1894. 1612

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Also Table Accommodation  
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Hongkong, November 21, 1893. 2008

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&c., &c.

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ORDERS to be respectfully received by  
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Hongkong, January 2, 1894.

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(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now  
be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
Nagasaki, Kobe, WEDNESDAY, July 11,  
Inland Sea and at 1 p.m.  
(Yokohama)....

China (via Nagasaki), Tuesday, July 24,  
Kobe, Inland Sea and  
(Yokohama)....

Peru (via Nagasaki), Saturday, Aug. 11,  
Kobe, Inland Sea and  
(Yokohama)....

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF  
PEKING will be despatched for  
SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI,  
KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA,  
on WEDNESDAY, the 11th July, at 1 p.m.,  
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,  
the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the  
INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and sail at  
HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to  
break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all trans-  
Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the prin-  
cipal cities of the United States or Canada.  
Rates and particulars of the various routes  
may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to  
Missionaries, members of the Naval,  
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,  
to European officials in service of China  
and Japan, and to Government officials and  
their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-  
embarking at San Francisco for China or  
Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be  
allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This  
allowance does not apply to through fares  
from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full; and same will be received at  
the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day  
previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargoes  
destined to points beyond San Francisco,  
in the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Office, addressed to the Collector  
of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or  
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Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
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Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
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TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
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SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,  
VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Kobe (via Nagasaki), TUESDAY, July 3,  
Kobe, Inland Sea and  
(Yokohama)....

Kobe (via Nagasaki), WEDNESDAY, Aug. 1,  
Yokohama and  
(Honolulu)....

Ocean (via Nagasaki), TUESDAY, Aug. 21,  
Kobe, Inland Sea and  
(Yokohama)....

THE Steamship GAELO will be  
despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,  
via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA  
and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the  
3rd July, at 1 p.m., connection being made  
at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.  
Steamers of this line pass through the  
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HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to  
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J. S. VAN BUREN,  
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## To-day's Advertisements.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions from THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER,  
to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,  
the 3rd day of July, 1894, at 2.30 p.m., at  
No. 17, Praya Central,

A. E. SKELTON & Co.,  
in Bankruptcy.

THE GOODS, FIXTURES, OFFICE  
FURNITURE, &c.,  
comprising:

65 CASES PORT WINE, SUNDRY WINES,  
STOUT, &c.

3 CASES TOOTH BRUSHES.

JAPANESE WARE.

CROCKERY AND GLASS WARE.

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COUNTERS, FIXTURES, &c.

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1 TRICYCLE.

1 SODA WATER MACHINE, with about

2,000 BOTTLES.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, June 27, 1894. 1089

## STEAMSHIP CALCEDONIAN.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo from London  
and Havre ex Steamship Guadiana,  
in connection with the above Steamer, are  
hereby informed that their Goods—with  
the exception of Opium, Treasure and  
Valuables—are being landed and stowed  
at their risk at the HONGKONG & KOW-  
LOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY,  
at Kowloon, whence delivery may be ob-  
tained immediately after landing.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WED-  
NESDAY, the 4th July, at Noon, will be  
subject to rent, and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or  
before TUESDAY, the 3rd July, or they  
will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined  
on TUESDAY, the 3rd July, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, June 27, 1894. 1083

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Kriemhild, Captain Förck,  
having arrived from the above Ports,  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to  
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-  
signature by the Undersigned, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from  
alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be  
landed into the Godowns of the HONG-  
KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO.,  
and stored as Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the 4th July,  
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods  
are to be left in the Godowns, where they will  
be examined on the 4th July, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 27, 1894. 1086

## FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship Kriemhild,

Captain Th. Förck, will be  
despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY,  
the 30th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 27, 1894. 1085

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

E. REED, American ship, Captain

Simmons—Shear & Co.

JAPAN, Italian barque, Capt. Bartolomeo

Guantavio—Musso & Co.

L. SCHIFF, American ship, Capt. Chas.

Kendall—Reuter Brückmann & Co.

TACOMA, American ship, Capt. Gaffey—

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hongkong, June 27, 1894. 1087

## SHIPPI NG.

ARRIVALS.

JUNE 26.—

Icigang, German steamer, 965, C. Christ-

iansen, Saigon June 22, Rice and Paddy.

Siam, British str., 819, B. Branch,

Sandakan June 21, Timber.—BUTTERFIELD &

SWIRE.

Nippon, German steamer, 762, Th. Leh-

mann, Shanghai June 24, General—

Kriemhild, German steamer, 1,750, Th.

Förck, Hamburg and Singapore June 21,

General—SIMSEN & Co.

Comet, Norwegian barque, 600, J. Kirk,

Manila June 15, Sugar.—STEWART & CO.

June 27.—

Choyang, British steamer, from Canton.

Kriemhild, German steamer, 1,750, Th.

Förck, Hamburg and Singapore June 21,

General—SIMSEN & Co.

Actis, Danish steamer, 355, H. W. Storn,

Pakholi June 23, and Hoihow 26, General—

ARNOLD, KRIEMLICH & CO.

Actis, Danish str., 2,633, Flandrin,

Marseille June 27, and Saigon June 24,

Mail and General—MESSAGERIES MAR-

H.M.S. *Undaunted* was in Colombo Harbour on the 6th inst., and was due at Singapore on the 10th inst.

The First Battalion, Rifle Brigade, and 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will be conveyed between Hongkong and Fort William, Calcutta, in a Royal Indian Marine steamer.

The Government of India are now making enquiries to ascertain whether the recipients of the Exchange Compensation Allowance, actually make home remittances or not. The remittance question is one which might receive a little investigation in Hongkong.

The Danish steamer *Actie*, which arrived to-day from Hoichow, reports having seen a full-rigged wooden ship at anchor outside the Ladrone. She had lost several yards, but did not ask for assistance. Her name and nationality were not ascertained. Presumably the vessel was damaged in Sunday's gale.

The Morning Post, of 21st May, gives the following notice of the new P. and O. steamer *Caledonia*:

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's new mail steamer *Caledonia* was launched from Messrs. Gaird's yard at Greenwich at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the naming ceremony being performed by Miss Ethel Barnes, daughter of Mr. F. D. Barnes, Managing Director to the Company. The *Caledonia* is 502 ft. over-all, and has a displacement of nearly 12,000 tons. Her machinery will develop 11,000 horse-power, and she will have a speed of 19 knots. She will accommodate 320 first-class and 180 second-class passengers in large state-rooms. The caravans in the beautiful dining saloons, music-rooms, library, smoking-rooms, companion, and lounges are by Signor Gambi, of Siena, and all the internal decorations are from designs prepared by Mr. T. E. Coloult. She is fitted throughout with electric light, and has large refrigerating chambers for the preservation and storage of the passengers' food, supplies, &c. The *Caledonia* will run in the India and China mail services carried on by the P. and O. Company; and when she leaves the builders' hands will be the most superb specimen of the latest naval architecture afloat. In the maritime section of the Antwerp Exhibition the P. and O. Company have a large court in which they display models of all their vessels from the commencement of the Company's operations in 1837 to the present time; and a most interesting and striking contrast is effected by placing the *William Fauret*, a little paddle steamer of 206 tons and 60 horse-power which opened the Peninsular mail service in 1837, by the side of the *Caledonia*.

By the recent Canadian mail we received an exchange which contained a sensational story telegraphed from Los Angeles on May 29. The telegram was in the following terms:—“A sensational affair occurred on the San Jose hills south of Corvina, a little fruit town in the foot hill of the Sierra Madre mountains east of this city, day before yesterday, which may result in considerable international complications. A young Englishman was set upon by a gang of hoodlums and beaten into a state of insensibility and was then tied to a tree in a barren spot and left to perish. The young man is Robert Beauchamp, a nephew of the Archbishop of York and the heir of the Marquis of Cholmondeley. Beauchamp finally extricated himself from his perilous position and succeeded in making his way home. He is naturally very indignant at the outrage and will probably lay his case before British Consul Mortimer. Young Beauchamp belongs to the Sixth Hussars in Her Majesty's service, and was actively engaged in the last Afghan and Egyptian campaigns. Either the correspondent of our respected contemporary has an exceedingly fertile imagination, or Mr. Robert Beauchamp, heir, &c., is a ‘bit of a liar’ himself. He may be the nephew of Archbishop MacLagan, though the presumption is strongly against such a possibility. He is certainly not the heir of the Marquis of Cholmondeley, the rightful heir according to latest advices from England being the Earl of Rockavage. His name does not appear in the Army List, and there is no such regiment as the 6th Hussars. Going upon these facts one might almost be excused for impeaching the veracity of a section of the American press. In fact, one begins to doubt whether any assault was committed at all, and whether the whole story is not a mere concoction to raise a stir.”

A NEW Post Office has been erected at Colombo at a cost of £80,000.

THE bus-train of London is enormous. The London General Omnibus Company alone owns 1,037 buses, 10,000 horses and employs 4000 men.

The rickshaw is becoming very popular in India. Writing from Darjeeling, the correspondent of the Calcutta contemporary says:—“Have any of your readers ever tried to travel in the ‘was-sa’ hours event the middle of the night? I am told that it has been tried up to now, with very satisfactory results, as regards the occupants of the rickshaw, and to the intense detestation of the dandywallahs or rickshaw men—a cheerful and light-hearted class who have a keen sense of humour. One reason why they do not mind the extra weight is that they are only required to go slow; and it is said that they sometimes mistake the turning, and so themselves going several times round the Mall. The gentleman who went round and round the railway of the Metcalfe statue after the Scotch Dinner, under the impression that he was going home.”

The floating light in Suez Roads is to be replaced by a fixed iron light-house, to be built by the Egyptian Government.

#### ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

A meeting of the members of the above Club was held in the Gymnasium of the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday afternoon.

Two or three days ago, says the *Egyptian Gazette*, a French transport passed through the Suez Canal with 1,000 French soldiers on board bound for Tquin. It is stated that the troops were simply drafts sent out to supply the place of those soldiers whose time of service in Tquin has expired and those sent home invalided. There is, however, a suspicion that the army in Tquin is to be strongly reinforced in view of the re-opening of the Franco-Siamese question, and the large number of troops now en route to the French possessions in the Far East seems to lend colour to this supposition, especially as matters are not progressing as smoothly as was expected in regard to Siam.

The Siamese themselves, so we hear on excellent authority, have all along held the idea that France was by no means satisfied with the results of the last treaty, especially as they are likely to be nullified by Chinese intrigue and influence, and that the would re-open the Mukong question about the middle of June. It will be noted that, at this time last year, France and Siam were at daggers drawn, and the Mekong difficulty was at its height, both countries being on the verge of war. There may be nothing extraordinary in the reinforcement of the French army in Tquin, but, with the great activity in military circles in that country, and the large number of troops on the Siamese frontier, the affair has a suspicious look, presaging of a renewal of trouble.

The following items are taken from the *London and China Express*:

Her Majesty's ship *Invincible* arrived at Gibraltar on 23rd inst. for Portsmouth. The *Egeria* arrived at Malta on the same day from Ponson.

A cricket match was played between the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Cricket Club and the Fenchurch-street Cricket Club, the former scoring eighty in one innings against thirty-two totalled by their opponents.

Captain Thomas Woodgate, R.N., who died on May 8 at Ardwick, Wiltshire, in his eighty-first year, took part in the bombardment and capture of Woosung in June, 1842, when he was with the leading party. He was next attached to the *Endymion*, Captain Hon. F. W. Grey, in the East Indies, but for his services in China was promoted before the close of 1842 to be a commander.

The death is reported, on 23rd May, at 47, Avenue Henri Martin, Paris, of William Walter Cargill, at the age of eighty years. Mr. Cargill was prominently connected with the original foundation of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and assisted at the re-establishment of the New Oriental Bank in 1894. Since the failure of this institution in 1892, he has resided in Paris, though unsuccessful attempts were made by the liquidator of the Bank to obtain his extradition on the grounds of misappropriation of the bank fund.

The *Gloster*, a steel screw steamer for the Glen line, built for Messrs. MacGregor, Gow, and Co., of London, has been launched by the London and Glasgow Engineering and Iron Shipbuilding Committee, of Govan. The vessel, the seventh constructed by the company for the Glen Line—has a gross tonnage of 3,753. Her dimensions are—309 feet long, 43.10 beam, 29.3 moulded depth. This steamer has exceptionally good accommodation for electric light throughout, and all modern conveniences. She was launched on 17th inst. She will be completed next month, and will carry some £6,500 tons cargo, and steam 12 knots.

The order for the construction of a first-class ironclad of some 12,000 tons which has been given by the Japanese Government to the Thames Ironworks at Blackwall, probably comes as a welcome surprise to the Thames. That the company over which Mr. Peter Rolt presided for so long can be rolled on to produce the best specimens of naval architecture is well known, whilst such a powerful vessel as is comprised in the order will form an addition to the naval strength of Japan of no mean order. Her delivery in Japanese waters will mean that Japan will be the possessor of the most powerful war vessel yet seen of Suez—a vessel that will be superior to our own *Centurion*, which is a magnificent vessel, but of course not equal to that now ordered. It is believed that on other vessel of like nature is to be ordered of Messrs. Armstrongs, where the cost (in silver) will come very heavy at present rate.

A choir and orchestra conducted by a Countess, and consisting exclusively of ladies of fashion, will be a novelty which ought to bring a good deal of money to the coffers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, in whose behalf the performance will be given.

We believe, originated with the Countess of Radnor, and it has been warmly taken up by the Princess who has promised to be present at St. James's Hall at the concert, which will take place on the evening of June 29. The choir will number eighty ladies, headed by the Duchess of Sutherland, the Countess of Dalkeith, the Hon. Lady Harwood, the Countesses Valda, Giselle, on, Cowper, Amberst, and Cawood, the Viscountess Newport and Darnell, besides twenty-seven other ladies of title. The orchestra, too, will consist exclusively of ladies. Lady Skenderedes being first violin and leader of the band, which will comprise twenty-two first and twenty-second violins, eleven violas, seventeen violoncellos, and five lady performers on that ponderous instrument, the double bass. The drums will be played by Miss Helen Cotes-Wallis, and the Countess of Radnor will wield the baton as conductor.

Exceedingly cold weather has prevailed over the British Islands, and in many places there was a sharp frost during the night of 20th May. At Greenwich the thermometer in the shade fell to the freezing point, and on the grass exposed to the sky the reading was 20 deg. There was no single night in April with so low a temperature. At 20 deg. in Leicestershire, the thermometer in the shade fell to 24 deg., or 8 deg. below the grass, and at Stornoway, York, and Arbroath the reading was 20 deg. At Greenwich, and at the Mereweather dockyard, Bombay, is a record the thermometer in the shade fell to 28 deg. For three consecutive days the highest day reading has scarcely exceeded 50 deg. in any part of the country, and at some of the north-eastern stations the maximum readings have fallen considerably short of this. In London the thermometer has just touched 50 deg., which is the average maximum temperature for the middle of March or the beginning of November. In the last twenty years there have been in all only thirteen days in May on which the thermometer has failed to reach 50 deg. at Greenwich, and only two days after the middle of the month. For three successive nights the thermometer in London has fallen below freezing point. Hail fell in the metropolis on 20th May. Snowstorms occurred in several places in the North of England and in Scotland, and in some parts of Wales. Snow has also fallen in many places in the South of England.

Six hundred designs for new postage stamps have been forwarded to the French Government which offered a prize for the best design. One bearing an effigy of Joan of Arc is much in favour.

#### THE PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.

We regret to have to announce a case of plague amongst the civil population of the Colony, a new development which is all the more to be deplored at a time when it seemed certain the progress of the disease had been checked amongst the Chinese. The latest European patient is Mr. Henry E. Allen, of the outside staff of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Hongkong Dispensary. Mr. Allen, who has resided at Hartley on the upper level for some months, was feeling unwell on Saturday after returning from a walk at Pokfulam, and remained in his room at Queen's Road Central. At first it was thought that he had simply contracted fever, but last night, after an examination of Mr. Allen, Dr. Jordan and Lawson came to the conclusion that he is suffering from plague and ordered his immediate removal in that class, which would in time die out, leaving only one class of racing boats.

Mr. Denison called attention to the fact that the present B class was the original class of the Club, that the A class was only allowed to race in the handicap class because they were old boats, and it was never intended that new boats should race in that class, which would in time die out, leaving only one class of racing boats.

We are informed that the majority of the cases treated in the Li-ki-ko Hospital really came from the Chinese villages in the neighbourhood, although a few stray cases found their way from the Colony.

We understand that the interment staff under Captain Hastings will be reduced by one half from to-morrow.

Steps are to be taken to prevent, if possible, the introduction of fresh cases of plague by returning Chinese.

We hear that Mr. Hugh McCallum, Sanitary Superintendent, has been asked to return to the Colony as soon as possible.

The following are the statistics for the twenty-four hours to noon to-day:

	Hongkong	Kennedy	Albion	Dept.	City	Total	Increase	Decrease
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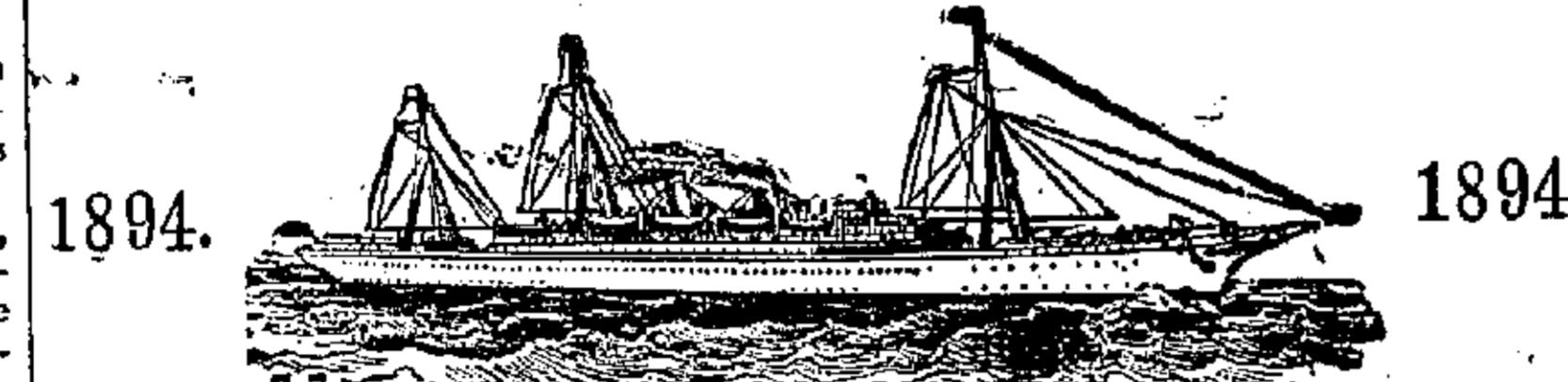
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